



**MINUTES OF
ALAMEDA YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING FOR September 8, 2009**



DATE: Tuesday, September 8, 2009
TIME: 5:05 p.m.
PLACE: Room 360, City Hall, corner of Santa Clara Avenue and Oak Street,
Alameda, CA 94501

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson Bhaani Singh, Hannah Bowman, Ellen Hui, Jordan Flores, Anjuli Sastry, McCaulay Singer Milnes, Angela Sterling-Vick, and Lamont Carter (Late)

Staff: Patrick Russi, Recreation Supervisor (RS)
Andy Wong, Teen Coordinator (TC)

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A. Nomination and Selection of Chair (Action Item)

M/S/C Flores / Bowman / (Approved)

“That Anjuli Sastry be elected Chair of the Youth Advisory Commission”

Approved (6): Chairperson Singh, Bowman, Flores, Hui, Singer Milnes, and Sterling-Vick.
Absent (1): Carter(Late)

B. Nomination and Selection of Vice Chair (Action Item)

M/S/C Bowman / Flores / (Approved)

“That Bhaani Singh be elected Vice Chair of the Youth Advisory Commission”

Approved (6): Bowman, Flores, Hui, Sastry, Singer Milnes, and Sterling-Vick.
Absent (1): Carter(Late)

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of June 9, 2009, Youth Advisory Commission Meeting

M/S/C Flores / Sterling-Vick/Sastry (Approved)

“That the Minutes of April 14, 2009 Youth Advisory Commission meeting are approved.”

Approved (6): Chairperson Sastry, Vice Chairperson Singh, Bowman, Flores, Hui, Singer Milnes, and Sterling-Vick.
Absent (1): Carter(Late)

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA

A. Cindy Wasko, Alameda Unified School District, “School Supply Drive”

Cindy Wasko, thanked the Youth Advisory Commission for an incredible supply drive. She stated the drive brought in 700+ Spiral notebooks, 250 boxes of crayons, 400 Glue sticks, 84 backpacks, 85 binders, 15 calculators and other miscellaneous supplies. Also, there was close to \$500 in monetary donations from the public and Elks Lodge. The Youth Commission will be mailing thank you cards. She also stated that with short notice and time, the drive was well organized.

5. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A. Invitation from Alameda Board of Education to attend September 22nd meeting to speak on priorities for youth in the coming months, and would like to schedule the Youth Advisory Commission for a bi-annual status report agenda item.

TC Wong reported to the Youth Commission on a request from the Alameda Board of Education (BOE) to provide a synopsis of the Alameda Youth Advisory Commission (AYAC), which includes Background information, past accomplishments and current projects. Also, the BOE would like to schedule the AYAC to speak at their BOE meetings in the future. RS Russi stated that this is an opportunity for the AYAC to ask the BOE on any teen issues from middle and high school that they would like to work on.

Vice Chairperson Singh requested TC Wong ask BOE to place the AYAC presentation near the beginning of the BOE meeting agenda due to it being a school work/evening. Both RS Russi and TC Wong will check on the request. Chair Sastry, Vice Chair Singh and Commissioner Flores will work on the presentation.

M/S/C Sastry / Sterling-Vick/Sastry (Unanimously Approved)

“That the Youth Advisory Commission to attend and speak at the Alameda Board of Education meeting on September 22nd, and attend future BOE meetings if requested.”

Approved (8): Chairperson Sastry, Vice Chairperson Singh, Bowman, Carter, Flores, Hui, Singer Milnes, and Sterling-Vick.

6. New Business

A. Presentation from Jeanne Kettles, Alameda Unified School District, on participation in a focus group on Alameda Child Youth Development Survey (Discussion / Action Item)

Jeanne Kettles presented the Youth Advisory Commission on the Child Youth Development Survey. The Survey was to about “Health is not just Health Care”. There is a section which requires engagement of youth and input, questionnaires, and/or forming focus groups. The section also questions youth, to find out how services are accessible; barriers (if any) in receiving youth services and how to provide a better delivery of services to youth.

The reasons for forming the focus group are to:

- 1) Find out from teens how to deliver and distribute services and information to youth.
- 2) Get feedback from teens on specific teen information.
- 3) Access to community service hours, youth/teen information, resources, etc.

There was a survey sent out to the Commissioners for review and complete for data collection which will be included.

M/S/C Bowman / Carter (Unanimously Approved)

“That the Youth Advisory Commission support the focus group meeting(s) working on the Child Youth Development Survey – “Health is not just Health Care” and to provide input.

Approved (8): Chairperson Sastry, Vice Chairperson Singh, Bowman, Carter, Flores, Hui, Singer Milnes, and Sterling-Vick.

B. Establish a “Priority List” and short term goals for 2009-2010 year.
(Discussion / Action Item)

The following is a suggested list which of the Youth Commissioners had stated:

Commissioner Hui suggested offering a class for teens to focus on the basics of financial education, which includes savings, banking, stocks, bonds, etc.

Vice Chairperson Singh suggested:

- 1) Completing the Traffic Reduction at High School.
- 2) Teens going Green Campaign at both High Schools.

Commissioner Bowman suggested getting involved with supporting Special Olympics in Alameda.

Commissioner Carter suggested working with Alameda Youth Committee, to collaborate or co-sponsor their events.

Chairperson Sastry stated to continue working on a Youth Master Plan.

Commissioner Flores suggested assisting the Alameda Animal Shelter in some capacity.

Commissioner Sterling-Vick suggested continually support the Teen Job Skills Workshop.

Commissioner Signer-Miles suggested better access for teen volunteers to find organizations in need of teen volunteers in Alameda. Possibly have AYAC update a list of current organizations that offer volunteer opportunities / hours for teens as a resource guide.

M/S/C Singh / Carter (Unanimously Approved)

“That the Youth Advisory Commission to establish a “Priority List” to work on for 2009-2010 year.”

Approved (8): Chairperson Sastry, Vice Chairperson Singh, Bowman, Carter, Flores, Hui, Singer Milnes, and Sterling-Vick.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Discussion / Action Item)

- A. Evaluation of Homeless AUSD Students and their Needs " School Supply Drive"
(Discussion / Action Item) Carter, Sastry, Singh

RS Russi thanked the Commissioners for their work on the success of the School Supply Drive. Chairperson Sastry, thanked everyone, and also, reminded everyone of the importance of following through. TC Wong reminded the Youth Commission to build a professional rapport when working with the public and local businesses.

- B. Status Report on Reduction of Vehicle Trips at High Schools
(Discussion / Action Item) Sastry and Singh

Chairperson Sastry and Vice Chairperson Singh will submit the 1) Traffic counts of vehicles making the right turn, (from Encinal Parking on to Central – East Bound), and 2) a draft of Alameda High School vehicle parking spaces and zones. The information will be forwarded from TC Wong to Virenda Patel, Transportation Engineer, Public Works Land and Transportation for review.

8. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, GENERAL

Vice Chairperson Singh stated the there will be a community workshop meeting for the proposed bus service changes in Alameda from the Alameda County Transit. The workshop is scheduled in Alameda on September 12th, 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., at Independence Plaza, Rambeau Room, 703 Atlantic Avenue.

9. Next Meeting Date

Tuesday, October 13, 2009; 5:00 PM (City Hall, Room 360)

10. Adjournment 6:49 PM